

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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### Economic Achievements in the Northwest Military Area, 1949-1952

1. On 1 October 1952 an announcement was made<sup>1</sup> of the following achievements in the Northwest Military Area during the three-year period between 1949 and 1952:
  - a. A total of 1,413,580 mou of land were made arable.<sup>2</sup>
  - b. A total of 1,577 ditches and aqueducts with a total length of 2,500 kilometers were constructed or repaired.<sup>3</sup>
  - c. A total of 431,495 trees were planted.<sup>4</sup>
  - d. A total of 7,279,750 square meters of railway earthworks were reconstructed.
  - e. A total of 1,626 kilometers of highways, involving 797,419 square meters of earthworks and including the earthworks for the Tsinghai-Tibet and Sinkiang-Tibet highways, were reconstructed.<sup>5</sup>

### Plans for Mining Operations in Sinkiang Province

2. On 22 November a party composed of K'o-liu-k'o-wen (0344/3966/0668/3306)<sup>6</sup>, a Soviet trade representative in Urumchi, Hsieh-erh-ko-yeh-fu (6200/3643/2706/5102/1133), the manager of the Sino-Soviet Non-Ferrous and Rare Metals Joint Stock Company, WANG En-mao (3769/1869/5399), secretary of the Sinkiang Sub-Bureau, and four others flew from Urumchi to Sian via Lanchow, where they spent the night. In Sian they met HSI Chung-hsun, vice chairman of the Northwest China Administrative Area, who had recently returned to Sian from Peiping with plans drafted by the Chinese Communist central authorities for

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mining operations in Sinkiang. These plans were formulated at a meeting of HSI and Hsieh-erh-ko-yeh-fu during the latter's inspection trip to Urumchi in July 1952.<sup>7</sup>

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1. The reported announcement was attributed to P'ENG Shao-hui, commander of the Chinese Communist 59 Army

It is possible  
mistakenly identified the maker of the announcement.

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2. This area would correspond to approximately 96,000 hectares. An article which appeared on 23 February 1952 in the Berlin Aussenhandels Nachrichten stated that in Sinkiang Province 66,000 hectares of new farm land were made arable in 1950, and an additional 65,000 hectares in 1951.
3. An article which appeared on 17 February 1952 in the Shanghai Novaya Zhizn reported that the Chinese Communist army had pledged to construct 1,800 kilometers of canals and ditches in Sinkiang Province, and was carrying out its plan.
4. The article in the Aussenhandels Nachrichten already cited reported more than 1,200,000 trees had been planted in Sinkiang Province in 1950.
5. On 15 April 1952 included a review of a book by CHIA T'o-fu, deputy chief of the Northwest Military and Administrative Committee's Committee of Finance and Economics, in which road repairs on some 8,150 kilometers of highway in the Northwest were claimed as completed or nearing completion.
6. this man was reported as having attended a meeting in July 1952 on the occasion of the inspection of the Non-Ferrous and Rare Metals Company in Urumchi by HSI Chung-hsun and CHIA T'o-fu.
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